February Figure Down 1,000

Steady Increase In Jobless Total Ended at Last

OTTAWA (CP)—The rise in Canadian unemployment has been halted.

February figures for jobless dropped off slightly from January, and for the first time in 26 months there was a decrease from the corresponding month of a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the number of persons with jobs increased.

TREND REVERSED

The Feb. 21 jobless total of 537,000 was just 1,000 less than a month previously, but it was a reversal of Canadian normal winter trend that sees unemployment rising until March. The figure compared with 563,000 in February, 1958.

February employment was estimated by the bureau of statistics at 5,547,000, up 9,000 in the month and a jump of 152,000 from 5,395,000 a year earlier. The figure for February, 1958, was the recession low point in employment.

MOST DID WELL

All areas except the Atlantic region either held their own as compared with January or showed improvement.

The labor survey resulted in a spirited clash in the Commons when the opposition called for a full-scale debate on the unemployment issue. Liberal frontbencher Paul Martin charged there was no improvement in the situation.

Labor Minister Starr, however, quoted the figures contained in the survey and told the Commons "these figures show a general improvement in the employment situation across Canada."

DEBATE REJECTED

The opposition motion to debate the issue was disallowed although Harold Winch (CCF, Vancouver East) supported the Liberals and charged that the unemployment situation "is undoubtedly serious and a matter of urgency that should be discussed."

The survey credited two factors with reversing the trend of the past 18 months—a steadiness in farm employment and a "fairly widespread recovery among most major industry groups.

Facades Face Control

Oak Bay council is in favor of a special bylaw to control the external appearance of buildings on the 4½-acre Beaven estate, adjoining the Oak Bay golf course.

This was one of the recommendations by Oak Bay advisory planning commission adopted by the municipal council last night. The recommendations, in effect, set council's policy to be followed when the area is developed.

The commission also proposed that the area be zoned for apartments, that one or more six-storey buildings be permitted on the site, that buildings be set back one foot from the property line for each foot of height, and that suites will have a minimum floor area of 750 square feet.

MRS. MARY HEMMONS

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Rites Tomorrow

Victorian Dies At 100

Funeral services for Victoria centenarian Mrs. Mary Hemmons, who died Sunday at home, 1616 Hampshire Road, will be held Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. from Hayward's funeral home.

A resident of Victoria for 11 years, she was born on May 30, 1858, in Curry Rivel, England. She lived for many years in Wawanesa, Man.

Mrs. Hemmons is survived by three granddaughters, Mrs. Joyce Bugler in England, Miss Audrey Hemmons of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Doris McKechnie of Calgary, three great-grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

CCF Attacks System

Frost Rejects Efforts To Fix Pipeline Profits

TORONTO (CP) — Premier Frost Monday rejected both the Borden commission's formula for fixing profits of natural gas pipelines and the "trended cost" system.

He told the Ontario legislature his government has retained a Toronto accounting firm, Ormsby and Ormsby, to study the question and codify rate-fixing procedures.

But he indicated any changes aren't likely to greatly alter the province's 50-year-old policy of giving pipeline companies a profit after taxes of seven per cent on physical investment.

The premier spoke in reply to CCF Leader Donald MacDonald, who criticized the government for permitting "flagrant profiteering" by pipeline companies.

The CCF leader demanded an immediate choice of three rate-fixing systems available—the one in use, the trended cost method by which profit is calculated on the basis of replacement value of assets, or the Borden recommendation for calculating profit according to total investment by stockholders excluding borrowings.

Mr. MacDonald said the trended cost method would permit companies to inflate their estimated assets to "justify excessive profits they are making now or even a rate increase."

"We don't accept trended costs as the answer—we are not going to accept a calculation by the companies holus-bolus," Premier Frost said.

As for the Borden recommendation, said the premier, its adoption would dry up the amount of capital for pipeline expansion."

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Mayor 'Interested' In Edmonton Deal

EDMONTON (CP)—Mayor William Hawrelak told a civic inquiry Monday that top city officials didn't know until the inquiry began that he was interested in an 88-acre tract of land annexed by the city.

As the inquiry into charges of civic maladministration entered its third week, the mayor said:

1. Although there were no documents to show he had become owner of a half-interest in the Boulevard Heights subdivision property on Nov. 15, 1956, the question of concealing this fact "never crossed my mind."

2. That because of the "tight money" situation which existed in November, 1956, when the city planning department began detailed planning of the area, there was no definite assurance the subdivision would be developed.

3. That he did not inform the other city commissioners of his interest in the property when, in January, 1959, the area in which it lay was annexed, as "I didn't think I had any interest at that point."

4. That "there isn't anyone that can come and tell this commission that I have attempted to use my office or my influence to the advantage of any person as against that of the city of Edmonton."

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'Rivets' Takes Over RCMP

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Nicholson said this was a breach of the police contract with the province, Mr. Fulton disagreed.

For some days Mr. Fulton looked over a field of available replacements, including the two senior deputy commissioners, Rivett-Carnac and Josephat Brunet, both on retirement leave, and a group of assitant commissioners in Ottawa and regional posts.

The final selection was welcomed in the Commons. Opposition Leader Pearson said he could think of no one more suitable to fill the vacancy. Hazen Argue, CCF House leader, indicated he also approved.

The new commissioner is married and father of two daughters. Son of a deputy police inspector-general in India, he was born in Eastbourne, England. One of his ancestors had been a governor of Bombay. The young Rivett-Carnac spent his childhood in India but was shipped off to school in Eastbourne.

At 16 he joined an ambulance unit on the French front in the First World War. Two years later, with the end of war, he was in India, in charge of an Indian elephant camp hauling timber to river fronts.

At 21 he was in charge of a lime factory in central India; then in Calcutta as secretary to one of the partners of Bird & Company, his employers. But he wasn't happy. He yearned for adventure. He went back to England, broke, and later shipped across the Atlantic, landing in Montreal almost the same way.

In his early years with the Mounties, he put in long hitches in the Arctic, policing huge frozen wastes behind a dogsled.

From the Western Arctic, Rivett-Carnac, then an inspector, went to Ottawa in charge of criminal investigation in 1935.

In 1939 he went to Regina as superintendent; in 1943 he was in Winnipeg and in 1944 he was back in Ottawa. Two years later he returned to Regina to command the RCMP's largest division — F division. In 1951 he commanded E division in British Columbia, soon after the RCMP took over policing of the province.

In 1957 he came back to Ottawa as deputy commissioner.

Car Price Fixers Fined

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fines totalling $106,750 were imposed Monday on 27 Washington area Ford and Oldsmobile dealers charged with conspiring to fix prices on new cars and accessories. District court Judge Joseph Jackson levied the fines on "no contest" pleas entered by the 11 Oldsmobile and 16 Ford dealers last Feb. 2.

Trailer Site One of Three

Saanich council last night designated three areas in the municipality as suitable for trailer parks and said one will eventually be chosen as the site.

Reeve George Chatterton said the areas are property adjoining Elk and Beaver lakes on the south side, city-owned game farm property on the east side of Patricia Bay Highway, and property on the west side of the highway, just north of Jennings Lane.

Ship Calendar

East's Welcome Chilly To Navy Sub-Chasers

Former Pacific Command destroyer escorts Athabaskan and Cayuga have already had an introduction to the sterner climate of Halifax.

Ice-encrusted hulls bore testimony to this when the ships docked recently at the home port of the Atlantic fleet after a month-long voyage from Esquimalt.

The ships' companies will exchange with those of the St. Laurent and Saguenay, due to arrive here next month.

The official publication of HMCS Shearwater, in its March issue, carried pictures of shivering crewmen going about their duties as the iced-up vessels berthed. The caption writer called it an "eloquent indication" of the sterner climate of Halifax.

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Victoria Machinery Depot is tackling refit jobs on two department of transport vessels.

The weather ship St. Catharines is up on the ways at VMD's Bay Street plant for semi-annual drydocking. Voyage repairs are being carried out at the same time.

Also being refitted at the plant is the lighthouse tender and buoy vessel Sir James Douglas. She was built at Burrard Drydock in North Vancouver in 1957 and operates along the coastline as far north as Cape Caution.

Cape Caution on the mainland just north of the northern tip of Vancouver Island, is the boundary of the operations for department of transport's Victoria marine agency.

A spokesman for the department said both jobs are routine.

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Merchant shipping in Island ports today includes the Peter Nielsen and King Alexander, Victoria; Imme Oldendorff, Nanaimo; Margareta and Ravenshoe, Crofton; Kongsholm, Lakemba, Haldor Virik and Andros Citadel, Alberni.

Germans Rescue 40 Red Sailors

THE HAGUE (Reuters)—A West German freighter is on her way to Bremerhaven with 40 Russian sailors she rescued after colliding with a Soviet vessel off West Germany's North Sea coast Sunday night.

The 2,332-ton Kholmogary capsized after the collision and was believed to have sunk.

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Weather Forecast

March 24, 1959

Sunny, clouding over in the evening with a few showers tonight. Little change in temperature. Winds light, becoming northerly 20 this evening. Monday's precipitation, nil; sunshine, one hour and 12 minutes.

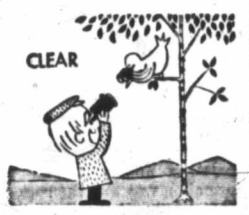
Recorded Temperatures

High ..... 48 Low 37

Forecast Temperatures

High ..... 50 Low 35

Sunset ..... 6.10 Sunrise 6.32



East coast of Vancouver Island—Sunny, clouding over in the evening with a few showers tonight. Little change in temperature. Winds light. High and low at Nanaimo, 50 and 32.

West coast of Vancouver Island—Sunny, clouding over in the late afternoon. Few showers tonight. Little change in temperature. Winds light. High and low at Estevan Point, 48, and 32.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. Johns	17	27	.51
Halifax	12	32	--
Montreal	8	27	--
Ottawa	6	29	--
Toronto	13	44	--
North Bay	5	33	--
Port Arthur	12	46	--
Kenora	23	38	--
Brandon	28	40	--
Regina	24	42	--
Saskatoon	22	44	--
Prince Albert	12	42	--
N. Battleford	19	41	--
Swift Current	22	44	--
Medicine Hat	28	48	--
Lethbridge	22	47	--
Calgary	17	41	--
Edmonton	25	43	--
Kimberley	14	44	--
Crescent Valley	21	49	--
Kaslo	21	45	--
Grand Forks	26	52	--
Kamloops	34	53	--
Penticton	25	49	--
Vancouver	29	47	--
Prince Rupert	32	45	.38
Prince George	17	41	--
Seattle	39	46	.16
Portland	45	56	.13
San Francisco	52	60	.34
Los Angeles	52	60	--
Spokane	32	52	--
Chicago	31	67	--
New York	30	47	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
24	02.26	8.1	08.38	4.3	14.23	7.7	20.46	3.8
25	02.57	8.3	09.22	3.5	15.21	7.6	21.25	4.4
26	03.30	8.6	10.10	2.8	16.20	7.4	22.07	5.0
27	04.05	8.7	10.59	2.3	17.32	7.2	22.49	5.7
28	04.42	8.7	11.51	2.1	19.46	7.1	23.36	6.4
29	05.20	8.6	12.46	2.0	21.48	7.3		
30	00.26	6.9	06.00	8.4	13.45	2.1	23.00	7.5
31	01.30	7.4	06.44	8.1	14.48	2.2		
April								
1	00.11	7.7	08.13	7.3	07.52	7.7	15.54	2.7
2	01.11	7.[illegible]	05.02	7.1	09.33	7.3	16.58	3.1
3	01.54	7.7	06.07	6.5	10.55	7.2	17.54	3.3
4	02.05	7.5	06.53	6.0	12.01	7.1	18.42	3.7
5	01.32	7.6	07.32	5.2	13.00	7.0	19.26	4.1

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
24	04.35	11.1	10.38	5.3	16.46	10.2	22.36	5.0
25	05.03	11.2	11.18	4.3	17.47	10.4	23.21	5.7
26	05.34	11.2	12.01	3.6	18.48	10.5		
27	00.08	6.5	06.05	11.1	12.46	3.0	19.54	10.6
28	00.50	7.4	06.40	11.0	13.36	2.7	21.03	10.6
29	01.37	8.1	07.16	10.7	14.28	2.6	22.17	10.5
30	02.06	8.7	07.57	10.2	15.25	2.8	23.35	10.6
31	04.39	8.8	08.50	9.8	16.28	3.2		
Apr.								
1	00.47	10.[illegible]	06.19	8.6	09.58	9.2	17.34	3.5
2	01.45	10.7	07.35	8.1	11.32	8.9	18.40	3.9
3	02.31	10.7	08.30	7.4	13.06	8.7	19.40	4.3
4	03.07	10.6	09.10	6.7	14.27	8.9	20.34	4.7
5	03.39	10.5	09.45	6.0	15.32	9.1	21.21	5.2

Today's Events

Right Rev. Stephen Bayne, Bishop of Olympia, will discuss the "Four Cornerstones of Understanding" at the **Victoria Kiwanis Club** meeting, 12.10 p.m., Empress Hotel . . . Edward Quirk, B.C. Power Commission planning engineer, speaks on the "Columbia River", **Victoria North Kiwanis**, 6.15 p.m., Holyrood House.